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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN NEW YORK 2002 ACTION STATE INFO ABIDJAN
ACCRA BELGRADE BONN BRASILIA BRUSSELS BUENOS AIRES CANBERRA
ISLAMABAD JAKARTA JIDDA LAGOS LIBREVILLE LONDON MANILA MELBOURNE
MEXICO MONTREAL MOSCOW NAIROBI OTTAWA PARIS RIO DE JANEIRO
ROME SAN JOSE STOCKHOLM TEHRAN THE HAGUE TOKYO VIENNA MAY 17.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN NEW YORK 2002

MONTREAL FOR ICAO

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SUBJECT: MEETING OF ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP,
NEW YORK, MAY 17, 1978

REF: USUN 1184

1. FOLLOWING FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP ATTENDED
THIS FOURTH MEETING: AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM,
CANADA, FRG, FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN, MEXICO,
NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, UK AND US.

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2. NETHERLANDS CHAIRMAN WENT THROUGH LIST OF STATES
NOT PARTIES TO TOKYO, HAGUE AND/OR MONTREAL CONVEN-
TIONS. HE REQUESTED REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF GROUP
WHO HAD VOLUNTEERED TO CONTACT THOSE STATES
AND URGE RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION TO THESE
CONVENTIONS. VARIOUS MEMBERS REPORTED ON
NON-PARTIES TO CONVENTIONS AS FOLLOWS: BOTSWANA

CONSIDERING LEGISLATION FOR ACCESSION; BURUNDI HAS BEGUN PROCEDURES FOR RATIFICATION OF HAGUE; CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPEROR INSTRUCTED PRIME MINISTER TO ACCEDE TO ALL THREE CONVENTIONS; CONGO'S COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVED RATIFICATION OF TOKYO; DJIBOUTI HAS NO REASON NOT TO RATIFY; ETHIOPIA INTENDS TO RATIFY BUT PREOCCUPIED WITH DOMESTIC AFFAIRS; GAMBIA HOPES TO SUBMIT PAPER TO CABINET IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS RECOMMENDING ACTION ON THREE CONVENTIONS; GUINEA APPROACHED BUT NO REPLY YET; LIBERIA WILL IMMEDIATELY RATIFY TOKYO AND EXPEDITE ACTION ON OTHER TWO CONVENTIONS; LIBYA HAS ALMOST COMPLETED PROCESS TO ACCEDE TO HAGUE; MAURITIUS' DELAY PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE; RWANDA INTENDS RATIFY HAGUE AND MONTREAL IN NEAR FUTURE; SEYCHELLES CONSIDER THEMSELVES BOUND BY UK ACTION ON CONVENTIONS AND WILL MAKE DECLARATION TO THAT EFFECT; SIERRA LEONE HAS ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS ON MONTREAL.

3. SUDAN WANTS TO ACCEDE TO THREE CONVENTIONS, WORKING ON FORMALITIES; TUNISIA DOES NOT INTEND TO ACCEDE TO HAGUE AND MONTREAL FOR LEGAL AND POLITICAL REASONS BUT MAY BE WILLING TO RETHINK IN LIGHT OF APPROACHES; CAMEROON HAS ACCESSION UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE STUDY; TANZANIA'S ACTION DEPENDS ON SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA; ZAMBIA MAY HAVE POLITICAL AS WELL AS CONFIDENTIAL

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES; BAHRAIN'S FOREIGN MINISTER IS WAITING FOR MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT'S RECOMMENDATION WHICH EXPECTED BE POSITIVE; FRENCH AMBASSADOR DOES NOT CONSIDER DEMARCHE TO DEMOCRATIC YEMEN USEFUL AT THIS TIME; KUWAIT NOT MOVING RAPIDLY TOWARD ACCESSION; QATAR WAITING TO HEAR VIEWS OF OTHER ARAB NATIONS; UK NEEDS ANOTHER PARTNER FOR APPROACH TO SYRIA SINCE FRANCE UNWILLING TO MAKE DEMARCHE; UNITED ARAB EMIRATES STUDYING MATTER; YEMEN FULLY SUPPORTS SPIRIT OF CONVENTION; BOLIVIA'S INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO TOKYO APPARENTLY LOST AND WILL SOON ACCEDE TO HAGUE AND MONTREAL; DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WILL SOON COMPLETE RATIFICATION OF HAGUE; SURINAM CONSIDERS ITSELF BOUND BY ACTION OF NETHERLANDS ON CONVENTIONS, BUT US AS DEPOSITARY WANTS NOTE OF SUCCESSION ON HAGUE AND MONTREAL; VENEZUELA SENDING THREE CONVENTIONS TO CONGRESS FOR RATIFICATION.

4. BAHAMAS' NON-ACCESSION TO MONTREAL PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE; CUBA STILL WANTS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS RATHER THAN MULTILATERAL; EL SALVADOR

WILL ACCEDE TO MONTREAL IN NEXT FOUR MONTHS;
GRENADA HAS NO POLITICAL OBJECTION AND STUDYING
ACCESSION; GUATEMALA WILL RATIFY HAGUE AND MONTREAL
VERY SOON; HAITI REPLIED BY NOTES THAT WILL MOVE
SWIFTLY TO ACCEDE TO THREE CONVENTIONS; HONDURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE PROMISED TO ACCEDE; JAMAICA
LACKS LEGAL EXPERTS BUT INTENDS TO RATIFY; FRENCH
AMBASSADOR NOT IN POSITION TO APPROACH ALBANIA;
MALTA CLAIMS DIFFICULTY CONSTITUTIONAL RATHER THAN
POLITICAL, CONSIDERING MATTER; AFGHANISTAN WAS
CONSIDERING HAGUE AND MONTREAL BEFORE COUP;
BANGLADESH WILL SOON ACCEDE; JAPAN WANTS INDIAN
REACTION TO APPROACHES BEFORE APPROACHING BHUTAN;
JAPAN APPROACHED BURMA BUT NO REACTION YET; PRC
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FAVORS CONVENTIONS IN PRINCIPLE AND STUDYING MATTER
INCLUDING LEGAL PROBLEM THEY HAVE REGARDING ROC'S
RATIFICATION OF THREE CONVENTIONS; JAPAN WILL SEND
NOTE VERBALE TO KAMPUCHEA VIA ITS EMBASSY AT PEKING;
MALAYSIA HAS DECIDED TO ACCEDE TO THREE CONVENTIONS
BUT PAPER WORK REMAINS; INDIA HOPES TO SUBMIT HAGUE
TO PARLIAMENT IN JULY FOLLOWED BY MONTREAL; LAOS FAVORS
HAGUE AND MONTREAL IN PRINCIPLE BUT RATIFICATION A
MATTER OF TIME; MALDIVES NOW CONSIDERING CONVENTIONS;
NEPAL INTENDS TO ACCEDE TO THREE CONVENTIONS,
SIMPLY BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS; SRI LANKA PREPARING THREE
INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION; THAILAND TAKING ACTION IN
DIET ON HAGUE AND MONTREAL.

5. NO ONE HAD ANYTHING TO REPORT REGARDING ALGERIA,
ANGOLA, BENIN, COMOROS, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, LESOTHO,
MADAGASCAR, MAURITANIA, MOZAMBIQUE, SAO TOME AND
PRINCIPE, SOMALIA, SWAZILAND, TOGO, UGANDA, UPPER
VOLTA, SAMOA AND VIETNAM. CHAIRMAN SAID APPROACHES
SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS SO CONTACT
GROUP COULD REVIEW COMPLETE PICTURE IN MID-JUNE.

6. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED MEETING BY COMMENTING THAT
RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS HAVE
RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE DEMARCHES, WHICH
APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT CONTACT GROUP IS USEFUL.
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